

## **SUPPORT THE OBEY-LOWEY-LEACH AMENDMENT ON CPB**

Dear Colleague:

We are writing to ask your support for the bipartisan Obey-Lowey-Leach Amendment, which we will be offering tomorrow on the Fiscal Year Labor-Health and Human Services-Education (LHHS) Appropriations bill.

As you know, the LHHS Appropriations Subcommittee rescinded \$100 million from previously appropriated money for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) for fiscal year 2006. The Subcommittee also failed to provide the fiscal year 2008 advance funding for public broadcasting that would normally be included in the LHHS bill. In the full Appropriations Committee, however, the Committee restored the \$400 million in advance funding for CPB.

During floor consideration, we will be offering an amendment to restore the fiscal year 2006 funds for public broadcasting that the Subcommittee rescinded. This funding will be fully offset by shaving administrative accounts in the bill that can afford it so that the additional funding does not add to the deficit.

We hope you will consider the Obey-Lowey-Leach amendment.

Enclosed is a copy of the cuts that over 1,000 local stations across the country will absorb if our amendment is not adopted.

Sincerely,

/s

David Obey

/s

Nita Lowey

/s

James Leach